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THE CIVIL SERVICE.

It is probable that the investigation of the Civil Service Commission which has just ended will lead to no satisfactory conclusion either way. The House ground that the business which they have mainly in hand is to search impartially into the working of the system, and accordingly it is quite likely that they may regard the administrative mishaps which some of the Commissioners have incurred as of slight im- per cent. portance, and as having little bearing on the general question.

larly to the close of time—whether there be Civil Service law or no Civil Service of their estimated value." This last law is immaterial. Beyond question Mr. Roosavelt was only half-informed in the affair of the Milwankee postmastership, but a good deal will be forgiven to new zeal and freshness of knowledge in relation to official management.

But what cannot be easily explained or set aside is the strange and utterly inadequate method by which the Commission undertook to try important officials and report upon their efficiency or non-efficiency-their conformity or non-conformity to law. Postmaster Paul of Milwankee was investigated by the Commission. What was accepted as testimony against him was ta no sense legal evidence. The Commission er its representatives were not empowered to send for persons or papers They simply constituted themselves a large and facile auricular receptacie for whatever informers might choose to dump in that quarter. Postmaster dence against him, and could neither corporations and other employers are exreview nor rebut the report in his case. energy from liability for injuries sustained This mode of proceeding will strike the average mind as being unfair and un-American, and the censure which

mission should be ourthis account. The Carrie is in favor of the merit servant no damages can be recovered. system and all that can promote the case. There is in this discrimination neither sense the largest, most worthy and most in- and the United States should be so amended telligent classes of our citizens. But it is not prepared to justify secret and onesided investigations of public officials. There is no proper reason for making out reports on hear-say evidence, and, undoubtedly the most glaring wrong of which the Civil Service Commission has been guilty is of this nature.

should weigh most heavily on the Com-

Whatever conclusion the committee may arrive at the investigation will impress the people at large with the belief that the present Commissioners are not particularly efficient. Whether this beltef in their inefficiency is due to their want of knowledge of, or their want of harmony with, the spirit of a real civil service reform; or is owing to mere personal lack of discretion, is difficult to determine. But it would not be surprising if the present contention should lead to-some changes in the Commission.

AN OBIO EXPERIMENT

There's a good deal of politics out in Ohio at present. The Legislature is Democratic and has recently passed a bill, which became a law, "correcting" the Congressional districting of the State by the Republicans.

The city of Dayton, which is usually Democratic in spite of Major Bill Bickham and his Journal, elected a Republican council. Taking a hint from the Democratic Legislature, the Dayton Republican Council proposed to "correct" the ward districting of the city as done by the Democrats. Thereupon the Democratic Legislature took a hint from Mr. McComas, and promptly passed a bill preventing the councils of cities of the first class, of which Dayton is one, from redividing the city into wards between censuses.

The Dayton Republicans are disconsolate and cry out against Democratic

A FOOLISH SPITE.

When Stanley volunteered to go to the rescue of Emin Pasha, beleaguered by the forces of the Mahdi in the southern Soudan, the whole civilized world had nothing but words of praise for his courageous enterprise. When he disappeared from view in the savage and unexplored forests which lie between the Aruwhimi and the Albert Nyanza the world waited patiently for months.

teur explorer was well under way on

which grew into years, for tidings from the daring explorer. Finally the idea that there was an opportunity to advertise Itself was suggested to the New York World. But it was acted upon in a way that brought ridicule rather than reputation. The task of finding Stanley was entrusted to

a person who had gained some notoriety by riding a bleycle into certain remote

parts of the earth where the wheel was THE NOTE SHAVER taken great deal of in-Unfortunately for the World, tidings were had from Stapley before its ama-

first year of his term. And what a remark-Instead of rejoicing at the good news, able year it has been!

WASHINGTON CRITIC | the World had the ball taste to take up a grudge against Stanley. Since then that paper has lost no opportunity to slin the famous traveler, and no story concerning him has been too absurd

or too manifestly false for it to wint. The bitest charge brought against Stanley is the foolish one that he brought Emin away by force; that Emin did not want to be rescued. Tue plain fact is that Emin had lost all control over his troops and was destitute of authority in his own province. He was practically a prisoner. Had he really wanted to remain, however, he could have done so. By his indecision he endangered not only himself, but the It is to be regretted that such a paper

as the Atlanta Constitution should lend itself to the petty and spitalul war the World is waging against Stan-

CREAP MONEY.

The country has by this time settled down to the consideration of the proposition of the silver men to the effect that the Government should be com-Evening and Sunday morning, one mouth 500 pelled to buy their out put at the rate of four or five million dollars' worth a month, and issue in return certificates of that value which should circulate as legal tender and general currency.

Hardly had opportunity for this consideration been afforded when the Farmers' Alliance of America came forward with its scheme for the purchase by the Government of all products of the soil, their storage in proper county receptueles and the issue by the Treascommittee is very apt to take the very incurrency of cighty five per cent. of their value

Later still came Senator Stanford who not only proposes the unlimited coinage of silver, but also a law by which the Federal Government shall loan money on real estate at one or two

But, latest and best, comes Mr. Livingstone, president of the Farmers' Beyond doubt Commissioner Lyman Alliance of Georgia, with a plan that favored brother in law Campbell, but in | the Government shall advance money such circumstances men will act simi- to farmers "on growing crops in the proposition seems to cap the climax. It would make the United States Goverpment not only a universal purchaser, but a universal money-lender and insurance agent.

As a fact, the general ideas entertained in regard to money and currency are of the crudest description. But how are good financial ideas to prevail while tariffs discriminate against the few for the benefit of the rich, while a seventy-three-cent dollar is made equivalent, apparently, to a dollar of a hundred cents value, and while the Supreme Court decides that Congress can at any time make anything legal

A great deal of the threatened folly In regard to currency and money matters would be averted by larger knowledge. It is to be hoped that Congressmen will take pains to inform themselves before the matter goes further.

A RECENT DECISION of the United States Paul knew nothing of the so called evi- Supreme Court is to the effect that railroad by one employe through the negligence of another. When a passenger is killed or injured on a railroad the company is liable if negilence be proved. But if the engineer or fireman or any other employe is killed or uanimity and permanence of one of nor justice, and the laws both of the States as to put an end to it.

Some Homenic laughter is being in dulged in because the Selectmen of Concord, Mass., were invited to attend the launching of the gunboat Concord. The invitation is supposed to indicate a lack of bistorical knowledge. The three new guncats-the Yorktown, the Concord and the Bennington-were unined in commemoration of three battles of the Revolution. But the battle of Concord was fought at Concord, N. H., and the invitation of the Massachusetts men is entirely owing to a ludicrous mistake.

ECGENE FIELD, writing from London to the Chicago News, remarks upon the diffi-culty of understanding how Mr. Gladstone, who was born in Liverpool, was educated at Eton and Oxford, and who now lives in Wales, can boast of being a Scotchman course, strictly and technically, Mr. Gladstone is not a Scotchman. What he doubtless boasts of is his Scotch ancestry, his grandfather having been a life-long resident of Scotland, and his father having been born there.

THE STATE OF MAINE has not done its usual ice business this season, but it has somewhat made up for it in the immense take of fur-bearing animals of which the following is a showing:

Muskrats, 22,000, at 16 cents: 6,500 skunks, 50 cents; 5,300 mink, \$1.15; 900 coon, 60 cents; 5,550 foxes, \$1.40; 730 sables, \$1; 36 bears, \$12 71 fishers, \$7: 90 otters, \$8: 176 lynx, \$8: 5 silver foxes, \$50: 9 cross foxes, \$8: 930 house cats, 15 cents, and 75 wildcats, 70 cents.

THE IDEA THAT three Cabinet officers are better fitted to select a postollice site for this city than thirteen Congressmen is ab-To have adopted that plan would have postponed the determination of the site problem for a few years more. The committee chose an excellent, central site and the House acted wisely in promptly

THE PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS OWES I vote of thanks to Mr. Pierra. He has, in the language of the Worcestershire sauce label, added "a peculiar zest and piquancy" been very tame indeed.

WE ARE INFORMED by telegraph that Blelsa, a Spanish pedestrian, will to-day run against a horse. That is better, perhaps, than to have the horse run against him. But it's a queer thing to do, all the

WHEN THE GOVERNOR OF IOWA PURE for office things are reversed, as it were. Instead of the capdidates being out with the boys, it is the voters who are out with the Boles. In the vernacular of New York,

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS has reused to issue letters patent for an air-ship. Evidently he doesn't believe in granting patents on inventions that are in the air,

THE DISSENSIONS IN the Hungarian Cabnet over the naturalization of Kossuth have ended in the resignation of the Premier. Tisza hard blow at Hungary.

Yes, and he is a capital fellow, too.

PRESIDENT HARRISON has completed the

AMUSEMENTS.

Actor's Fund Benefit The performance to morrow afternoon at Albaugh's for the benefit of the solors fund will present one of the most interest ing occasions which over occurred in hi-Ing occasions which over occurred in hickly. The full original Madison Square Theatre Company will present the well known faree comedy "Aint Jack." Manger Palmer received a letter from President Harrison commending the same of the actors' fund, and promising to attend the performance if possible. The four lower nows of Albaugh's Opera-House have ben yeld for the occasion at \$100 each to the President. Congressmen Flower, Senator McMillan, and Ceroellus N. Blies. Governor Jackson, of Maryland will take a party from Baltimore to swell the audience. The formal invitation to Mr. Palmer and ble company to visit Washington was signed by Senators McMillan of Michigan, like o'k of New York, Cameron of Pennsylvania. e Senators McMillan of Michigan, filso & New York, Cameron of Pennsylvania, quire of Washington and Wolcott of Colodo, and the Hon. Roswell P. Flower, inon G. McCook, Henry Cabot Lodge, J. Belden, George E. Adams, James G. arrett and Theodore E. Rossele. The erformance will begin at 1 o'clock, aid is company will be back in New York in give the regular entertalument of the Madison Square in the evening. The train will make the trip in four hours, and will be in charge of Mr. Jarrett, who made the famous railrond trip from New York to San Francisco in three and a-half days.

Rhea as "Josephine." Mile. Rhes, the graceful and gifted soclety actress, who first came to us a few seasons ago from the French stage, will pay Washington a return visit this week, appearing Monday evening at Albangh's. Since last seem here the play has been produced in all the principal cities of the country and has met with the largest measure of successe possible. Many new features have been added and the performance as a whole has rounded and improved until it is now as near an ideal one as it is possible to give. The large advance sale indicates large and brilliant audiences, Matinees will be given on Wednesday and Saturday. seasons ago from the French stage, will pay

Herrmann at the National, This matchless prestidigitator begins a week's engagement at the New National to-morrow night, giving a Saturday mati-nee only. Herrmann's features, like his art, are known the world over. In fact, it art, are known the world over. In fact, it is no exaggeration to say that wherever man has trod the great prestidigitator is famous. His latest sensation, "Florine, Child of the Air," new to the Washington public, is a most wonderful experiment. A human being who walks up and down the proseculum, across the top of the stage, turns six complete somersaults, is a most decided sensation. Every night this week and matiene Saturday.

Dan'l Sully's "Corner Greery," The attraction at Harris' Bijou Theatre will be Daniel Sully's "Corner Grocery," a play that has made one of the most pronounced hits of recent years. It is a very udicrous production, and at the same time contains many deficate touches of human nature and some pretty bits of pathos and sentiment. The company has received many words of commendation. One of the most striking features of the entertainm will be the corner grocery scene. An entire grocer's outfit will be arranged on the stage, presenting a piece of stage work that will both unique and attractive.

The Howard Burtesquers. The Howard Big Burlesque Company will make their bow to a Wasnington audience at Kernan's to morrow evening. ompany is one of the best of its kind on the road this season, and comprises such well-known yaudeville stars as Agnes Evans, May Howard, Kittle Wells, Lottle Forbes, Clara St. Mour. Sam Coillos, Edwin Ball, Mile. Zoe, James Harrigan and Bryant and Holmes. The company have been winning golden opinions from the New York public, and their week's stay in Washington should result in a series of packed houses.

The Booth-Modjeska Engagement, Vesterday closed the successful Baltimore engagement of the Booth-Modjeska com engagement of the Booth-Modjeska com-bination at Albaugh's Theatre with a special Washington day. The excursion trains on both the Baltimore and Ohio and Pennsyl-vania railroads were filled to their utmost capacity, and all the passengers were loud in their praise of the manner in which their comfort was looked after on each road. Much of the success of these excursions was due to the exertions of Mr. Harry C. Fisk, who is Mr. Albaugh's right hand man in this city.

Boston Symphony Orchestra. This organization, conducted by its a implished and justly-famed leader, Mr. Arthur Nikiseh, will give its third concert on Friday evening of next week, March 21, at Lincoln Music Hall. The soloist will be announced later. The programme will be especially noted for its presentation of that subilimest of all symphonies, Beethoven's Fifth. The sale of tickets will begin next Friday at Ellis'.

Burlesque and Specialty at the Globe, Ella Fay's Burlesque Combination and Edward Girard's Congress of Specialty Stars will occupy the boards at the Globe this week. In addition to an original olio, they will produce the new burlesque, "A Polished Bandit." Usual matiness.

A benefit performance for the Washington Society of Theatrical Engineers is to be given shortly at the National Theatre. The merit of the bill to be presented will prove a pleasant surprise to local amusement lovers.

Sheridan Block, who was seen in Washington for the first time last week in "Mr. Barnes of New York," proved himself an actor of ability and force by his rendition of Court Marco. The Choral Society will present for the first time in America next Wednesday evening at Lincoln Music Hall "Lord Ullin's

The friends of Miss May Waldron. Stuart Robson's leading lady, who is well-known in Washington, will regret to learn that, owing to illness, she will be unable to go with the company to Boston. She will remain in this city for a week to recover from her Indiaposition. from her indisposition.

Another Vendetta. the St. Paul Planeer Pres Does the shooting of Taulbee by Kincaid lay the foundation for another Kentucky

vendetta? If so, Heaven help Kentucky Lyries of the Yankee Athens From the Boston Courier. HIBAVERAGE GOOD.

Love's blind during courtehip, and thus he should be In marriage, and quarrels would cease,
For after the homeymoon's past he can see
A great deal too much for his peace.

ROOM AT THE TOP. There is room at the top" it will not be We believe that the phrase fits exceed-The state of affairs when we hear it applied
To the ballroom attire of the modern belle,

A NOCTURNE. The man is deemed unfortunate Who in the winter wild Must walk the floor at night to hush A child.

But greater misery knows he Who, just as he begins To dream, must rise and do the same

OURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE, Courtship is sweet when the nights are And the north wind is blowing fierce and strong.

And the lamp to the parloy is turned down

And the only light is the grate's red glow, And she is close to your bosom pressed, And she lays her head with a sigh on your this city, at \$2,847. And you look in the depths of her lovelit That mirror the blue of the noonday skies

And you kiss her lips and her dimpled But marriage. Ab! that's where the hitch comes in. course, Old Saul's Catarrh Cure is Price only 25 cents.

WORDS OF WOMEN

Why do we not always smile when we meet the eye of a fellow-being? That is the true recogni ion which ought to pass from soul to soul constantly, children in simple communities do this in-voluntarity: the housest German peasant does it. It is like magical sunlight all through that leastiful land. This, then, is the fine art of smiling," like all fine art, time art, perfection of art, the simplest following of nature.— Helen Hand Juckson. The wrongly educated woman thinks he

The wrongly educated woman thinks her dulles a disgues and frets under them, or shoks them if she can. She sees a man irlumphently pursuing his vocation and thinks it is the kind of work be does which makes him grand and regnant; whereas it is not the kind of work at all, but the way in which and the spirit with which he does it — Mrs. Gargeld. Il — Mrs. Gorpeld.

To represe a harsh answer, to confess a fault, to stop, right or wrong, in the milst of self-defense, in gentle submission, sometimes requires a struggle like life and death; but these efforts are the golden threads with which domestic happiness is woren.—

Mrs. Caroline fillman.

Far away there in the sunshine are my highest expirations. I cannot reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, he-leve in them and try to follow where they lead—Louist M. Alcott. There is no remedy so easy as books, which, if they do not give cheerfulness, at least restore quiet to the troubled mind.— Lealy Montague.

On this earth there are many roads to Heaven, and each traveler supposes his own to be the best, but they must all unite in one road at last. Elica Ledic.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL

flugale Express: Dr. Norvin Green's no Bellamytte. Chlengo Inter-Occur: If Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson resigns to not likely urge "disability" as a reason. New York Press: The Cleveland experi-ence is Washington was a "speculation" from first to last. The real estate part turned out a trifle better than the political. St. Louis Globe-Democrats Democrats like Henry Watterson, who decline to be exuberant in their predictions as to Democratic chances in 1892, are setting the politicians in their party an excellent example.

New York Times: Mr. Blair is an amus-ing Senator and often a ridiculous one, but his fellow-members should not be too hard on him, for, after all, he is only an extrava-gant specimen of a type that is not uncom-mon in the Senate. Kansas City Journal: Ex-Congressman Taulbee will not die of the pistol wound

failbee with the newspaper correspondent.
Kincaid. Indeed, that bullet did not iniura Mr. Taulbee half so much as did some
unpleasant facts which Mr. Kincaid made
public concerning him during his service in

Congress

Kaneas City Journal: Mr. Sewall, who
has been restored by Fresident Harrison to
the position of Consul-General at Apia, was
removed under the Cleveland Administration. It is grisvous to the Democratic
papers not to be able to now at the restoration of an unit man to office, but it so happens that Mr. Sowall is an exceedingly fit
man, and, moreover, a Democrat.

(Messay, News, Colonel, John C. News)

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Chicago, News: Colonel John C. New, our Consul-General, has just purchased a magnificent fur-limit overcost, which is a duplicate of those worn by the Prince of Wales and the Russian Ambussador., This garment cost 30 guineas (\$515), yet-Colonel New has the effrontery to declare that he doesn't feel as much at home in it as he did in the coonskin cost he used to worr in the Wabash country before he energed in the service of his native land.

AMONG THE WITS OVERLOOKED A PACT.

"I gave Mr. Bunker a piece of wed-ling-cake to dream on. I'll tell him whom he is going to marry."
"But he is already married."
"I know that, but Mr. Bunker is from Chicago."—Epoch.

NOT ADMISSIBLE. Caller (with manuscript)—I have here an article entitled "Deeds of England's No-bility," which I—
Editor (metioning him to the door)—Sir, this is a family newspaper. How dare you? - Chicago Lyre.

A DOMESTIC PARADON

"Did you ever notice one thing about green hands."
"What?" "They have such awfully red hands,"-

PLATTERED TO DECEIVE. "Why did you say to that blind man, 'Here's a dime for you,' and then give him centyll "I wanted to cheer him up,"—New York

FORESIGHT VS. HINDSIGHT Dreamer-What do you think of "Looking Backward? Practical Man—I think it will pay better blook straight ahead.—Chicago Tribung.

WHY IT WAS QUIET. "The shopping district seems unusually Yes. You know the bustle has gone

Buying Sinking Fund Bonds. Acting under an opinion by the Attorney Acting under an opinion by the Attorney-General that he has discretionary power in the matter, Secretary Windom has begun the purchase of Pacific Railroad sinking fund bonds and the investment of the pro-ceeds in first nortigage bonds of the sub-sidized roads. The purchases for the present will be confined to Government 4 per cents, of which there are now available about of which there are now available about \$4,500,000. The amount of these already purchased is \$700,000, and the proceeds were invested in mortgage bonds of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific roads.

.. His Flesh is Not Soft and flabby, but hard; he is a solid little fel-low and his rapid improvement is a great surprise to our friends. I commenced to

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to make room for the builder we are compelled to close out our entire stock, consisting of one of the most stylish and fashionable lines of millinery, ladies, misses' and children's cloaks, corsets, kid gloves, fars, ribbons, velvets, jerseys and other articles too numerous to mention.

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